

## PLANNING AHEAD TO FIGHT FIRES

Forethought Has Prevented  
Many a Big Blaze.

### DISTRICT DEPARTMENT WORK

Watchful Methods Inaugurated by  
Experienced Men Found of Great  
Value in Washington.

The Fire Department of the District of Columbia is a very strong believer in the old proverb, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Perhaps there are few cities in the United States whose inspection service is as thorough as that conducted under the direction of the Fire Marshal for the District of Columbia. Once a year, at least, every theater, hotel, apartment house, and mercantile establishment is subjected to a complete inspection, and a large number of the residence houses are likewise examined.

#### Anticipating Trouble.

This work of the Fire Department is not generally understood and appreciated by the public. When a fire occurs in some big establishment, hotel, or theater, and quick work is done, the entire credit attaches to the rapid and heroic work of the firemen. It is little thought that arrangements were long ago made to meet just such an occasion, and that the effective work of the Fire Department during the fire was made possible by inspection and forethought.

In fact, many fire fights were fought out long before in the minds of the firemen, and their effective work merely the application of knowledge gained beforehand. When a fire breaks out and the firemen rush to the scene of action, they are in possession of information, by means of inspection reports, which enables them to go to work at once with accuracy and skill. In short, the "ounce of prevention" acts as a foundation upon which to apply the "pound of cure."

Every day, with the exception of Sunday, the Fire Marshal and one assistant

## DIRECTS NEW MUSICAL ORGANIZATION FORMED IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON



J. G. MOODY,  
Leader of the Gun Factory Band, Which Is Making a Good Name for Itself  
Among the Public.

ant go out upon a tour of inspection. They have a regular system upon which they work, visiting the various buildings in order, unless by special report their attention is called to some particular point. Every morning these men make reports to Commissioner Macfarland, under whose direction and control the Fire Department comes. These reports are kept on file, and the information contained therein is transmitted to the different captains throughout the city, in order that they may

be possessed of the desired knowledge when the time of action arrives.

#### Commissioner Macfarland's Work.

When Commissioner Macfarland was appointed about five years ago, the Fire Department was assigned to him, and he determined that all precautions against fire should be strictly observed. As he became familiar with the work of the department, he has from time to time brought about many changes for the good. He has been especially active

## NAVAL GUN FACTORY BAND HOLDS OUTING

Many Attend Annual Excursion to Marshall Hall—Organization, With Thirty Pieces, Gives Musical Program and Plays Dance Measures for Its Friends.

A large number of the employees of the naval gun factory, their families, and friends journeyed to Marshall Hall yesterday afternoon and evening to enjoy the annual outing of the Naval Gun Factory Band.

The band, since its organization, about one year ago, has gained a most creditable reputation among the music-loving people of Southeast Washington. J. G. Moody, its organizer and present leader, has devoted time and energy to perfecting the band, which now numbers thirty pieces.

The excursion yesterday afternoon was given for the purpose of raising additional funds to further its building up. Mr. Moody intends to make this band, whose members are all employees of the gun factory, one of the best in the city.

The initial concert of the band, which was given last Friday night at Stanton Park, in response to a petition signed by over 500 of the residents of the navy-

yard district, was largely attended, and pronounced a grand success.

If the large crowd which went with the band down the river on its excursion yesterday afternoon can be taken as a criterion of general interest, its future standing is well established.

The services of the band have already been engaged for a number of occasions. On August 13, it will go to Harrisonburg, Va., with the Alexandria Relief and Benevolent Fire Company.

The committee selected from members of the band who had yesterday's functions in hand, were Fred Brennan, Stewart Macalester, Charles Stanley, and Robert Cowan. An elaborate musical program was given at the resort. After the concert dancing was enjoyed.

The band will give a number of open air concerts for the benefit of the residents of the navy yard district. These concerts will be given both in the navy yard and at Stanton park.

In regard to the inspection of theaters, hotels, apartment houses, and commercial establishments.

The Electrical Department was likewise under Mr. Macfarland's supervision and he used as an auxiliary to the Fire Department in the work of inspection. Commissioner Macfarland has many times expressed his satisfaction with the accomplishment of the Electrical Department in this connection. Remarkable progress has been made in the direction of inspecting electrical wiring. Five years ago many of the prominent hotels, commercial establishments, and other buildings, had wiring systems which were completely out of date, and were dangerous to the safety of the buildings. A great deal has been done to secure improvements in the electrical wiring in theaters, hotels, stores, and other constructions. The act of Congress which went into effect in September, 1904, greatly increased the powers of the Commissioners in this direction, and there has from that time been a most remarkable improvement in the electrical wiring throughout Washington. The new wiring work has been of the highest standard.

This in itself has been a great step toward the prevention of fire, and the daily inspection work added to this has decreased the danger of fire to a minimum. These inspections are made to see whether or not the proprietor is complying with the laws and regulations requiring him to take precautions against fire. Suggestions are made to meet the conditions if they do not come up with the ideas of the Fire Marshal. Occasionally proprietors have been brought into Police Court for not complying with the regulations.

#### Keeping Aisles Clear.

In the inspection of commercial houses one of the most important things is the work of keeping the aisles clear, and to see that the merchandise is stored in such a manner as to not interfere with the operations of the firemen in case of fire. Particular attention is also paid to the arrangements of cellars, where many of the large fires originate.

Heretofore, the Fire Marshal has had but one assistant in the work of inspection, but two additional assistants have been appointed temporarily. At times officers of the Fire Department have

## DIFFICULT TO COUNT ON AUGUST WEATHER

Average Temperature Shown by Official Records Has  
Varied From 72 to 80 Degrees—August 13, 1881,  
the Hottest Day.

An examination of the official records of the United States Weather Bureau shows that almost anything may be expected of the month of August in the District of Columbia.

That is to say, if past performances on the part of this mid-summer month during the years that have elapsed since the establishment of the Weather Bureau count for anything, those who are compelled to spend August in Washington may expect the average temperature to be as high as 80 degrees, or as low as 72 degrees, by the Weather Bureau thermometer. These are the highest and lowest averages for August on record. The former occurred in 1890, the latter in 1872.

On the other hand, if an average is taken from the temperature of past Augusts, Washingtonians will jog through

the month with the thermometer at 76 degrees.

The hottest August day in the experience of the Weather Bureau occurred in 1881, when the thermometer, on the 13th day of the month—an unlucky date—climbed to 104. With that figure prevailing at the cool site of the bureau the temperature on Pennsylvania avenue can easily be imagined. The coolest day was August 24, 1890, when the thermometer dropped to 49 degrees.

As for the rains in August, they have been as variable as the temperature. In August, 1875, there was a monthly precipitation of 12.95 inches, while in 1892 the total August water fall amounted to but 8.100 inches.

Figures compiled from the records since the bureau has been in operation show that the average August has twelve absolutely clear days; 12 partly cloudy days, and 8 cloudy days.

been detailed to help the two inspectors on some particular building.

Commissioner Macfarland has had the co-operation of the fire underwriters of the District of Columbia. The inspection reports of the fire underwriters have been placed at Mr. Macfarland's disposal, and whenever they show additional information, or disclose improper conditions, the attention of the Fire Marshal is called to the particular circumstance.

During the month of June, 1905, the Fire Marshal and his assistant made over 500 inspections of commercial establishments alone, not to speak of several hundred examinations made of private residences, hotels, apartment houses, etc.

It can easily be seen from the foregoing figures that the work of inspection is one of the most important functions of the Fire Department, and nobody appreciates it more than the business men of Washington, who daily see the benefits derived from such a policy.

#### SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Hazel Kirke Stewart has begun proceedings for divorce against Maurice Stewart. A co-respondent is named in the proceedings. The parties were married in New York in 1903. E. B. Hay is counsel for the petitioner.

## YOUTHFUL SUSPECT MUST LEAVE TOWN

Edgar Smith, colored, aged thirteen, who was arraigned in the Juvenile Court yesterday, charged with incorrigibility, had his personal bonds taken with the provision that his parents should take him out of the city and not allow him to return for two years. Smith was arrested Friday night by Policeman Jackson, of the Fifth precinct, at Seventh street and Maryland avenue northeast, and charged with housebreaking, but the charge was changed to incorrigibility in the court.

Allbrendo Ambrogio, an Italian, who has a fruit store on that corner, has complained several times recently that some one has entered his store and taken money from the till. Friday night Policeman Jackson was notified that some one had entered the place from the rear. He went into the store and finding no one there, started up a dark stairway. When about half way up he lighted a match and saw the boy standing before him. When the latter saw the officer he ran up the steps and jumped from the second story window, but was captured by Ambrogio, who had been left on watch outside.

Smith lives at 645 South Carolina avenue southeast.

# Hechts'

513-515-517 Seventh Street

Choice from all the Women's 25c Neckwear; many styles and kinds. Monday 10c

Stylish Duck Wash Belts; silk embroidered; harness buckle; 10c 25c value

Best Granulated Sugar (delivered only when other goods are purchased). 5c Special

Kirkman's Celebrated Borax Soap. For Monday, 6 bars 20c

Large lot of very desirable Hamburg Embroideries that sell regularly at 5c—2c

Famous Taza-char Ceylon Tea that sells everywhere at 10c 60c lb; 4-lb pkg.

The latest "Fifth Ave." Patent Leather Purses and Bags; sell everywhere 25c at 50c

Mennen's Talcum Powder; borated and violet. Now reduced to 10c

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## A Sensational Inventory Sale Tomorrow

It's a considerable story, this subject of taking inventory, and what came of it. But here are the points of greatest interest to you, and which have a world of meaning for most people, for there's the telling of half prices and unheard-of reductions. Stock-taking brought to light throughout the store overstocks and understocks—too much of this, too little of that.

And right now—tomorrow—while the season is at its height, while your need is greatest, we shall begin a stock clearance that gives you every penny of profit, gives you choice from the half hundred departments at prices away below those we paid. COME—it will be an occasion to judge sales by for years to come. Credit? Certainly—all you want, pay as you say.

### \$5.98 Will Buy Taffeta Silk Suits!

The most sensational offering ever made are these beautiful suits just received from the tailors; they are in finest and softest finish taffeta silk, both skirt and waist handsomely tucked and plaited and trimmed with fancy buttons; shades are garnet and green; the values are positively \$15 to \$20.

Choice from richest and finest Jap. Silk Suits, some in plain white, some in white trimmed in black; they are superbly designed with silk lace medallions and insertions; the waists are exquisitely made with tucks and newest full sleeves. Also several hundred of the finest "Marquise" Shirt Waist Suits, including fine Irish linens, white India linens, etc.; superbly trimmed with finish Valenciennes lace embroideries, French knots, plaits, and hem-stitched effects; all the latest styles, including the newest light and pleated skirts. Pick the suit or suits you fancy from the entire lot, worth from \$10 to \$20, and pay for choice—**\$6.98**

Your unrestricted choice from beautiful All-over Bobinet Lace Waists, made over white China Silk; also choice from absolutely all the richest and finest China Silk Waists, exquisitely designed with lace medallions, insertion, etc.; waists sold at \$8 and \$10—**\$3.98**

ANOTHER VERY RARE OFFERING of the exquisite Marquise Shirt Waist Suits, in fine and shimmer white India Linens, etc.; superbly trimmed with hem-stitched effects; all the latest and smartest styles; values \$8.98 and \$12.98; pick the suit or suits you fancy from the entire lot, worth from \$10 to \$20, and pay for choice—**\$3.98**

FINEST QUALITY CHINA SILK Waists, in exquisite silk-worked eyelet embroidery; finest Val lace insertion; hem-stitched pin tucks and clusters of tucks, lace-edged collars and cuffs, heavy lace insertion, etc.; the colors are white, cream, blue, and brown. Although worth as high as \$8, to go for—**\$1.98**

SPLENDID TAILORED Black Brilliantine Skirts; all are stylishly pleated and up to date in every way; have all ways sold at \$3.98 and \$4.98—**\$1.98**

TAFFETA SILK UNDERSKIRTS, in all the wanted colors; stylishly and prettily ruffled and most desirable in every way; values are \$3.98 and \$4.98—**\$3.98**

#### Finest Underwear Hair Price

We shall tomorrow place on sale a handsome lot of Women's Finest Skirts and Gowns; they are made of soft and silky English nainsook in the daintiest lingerie effects; some with low neck, some with high neck, some with V-neck; long and short sleeves; they are exquisitely trimmed with finest Valenciennes laces and richest nainsook embroideries; not a garment in the lot is worth less than \$2—**98c**

### 25c Will Buy Silks Worth 50c

In this big leader for Monday are included All-silk Fancy Foulards, Korean Silks, China Silks, Taffetines, &c.; all silks that sell right along at 50c yard; to be sacrificed, while they last, at just half the regular prices.

Will buy beautiful imported black Sicilian that sells regularly at 25c; this very remarkable offering includes oost black English Sicilian, warranted dust-proof, and the coolest of the summer fabrics; just 4 pieces to be closed out at 25c—**39c**

Will buy yard-wide White Dress Linens; worth 50c; is full yard wide; we have just four full pieces to be closed out in the sale, and when it is remembered that 50c is the price you'd pay everywhere else, the sacrifice price of 25c will bring prompt buyers—**25c**

Will buy 50c Unbleached Table Linen; full 68 inches wide, and good quality; there are just three pieces in the lot, and it will go quickly; the price asked everywhere for equal quality damask is 50c yard, but you get this in the sale at 25c—**39c**

Will buy bright, new, and fresh Lawns; full 40 inches wide; that sell for 20c; there are just three pieces in the lot, and every yard is most desirable; light grounds, with neat figure, stripe, and floral effects; the sale price is 10c—**57c**

Will buy 10c Dress Gingham and Seersuckers; these are not odds and ends, nor remnants, but full and complete pieces, and fresh from the mill; plain blue as well as variety of neat, fancy effects; all fast colors; going tomorrow at 75c—**72c**

Will buy bleached Muslin; full yard wide and best quality; the kind that retails at 10c always; it will be a popular offering in the sale at 75c yard—**78c**

Will buy Unbleached Sheet, 40 inches wide, for bed-ward and many household purposes; the regular price is 12 1/2c; 74c is to buy it in the Clean Sweep Sale—**72c**

Will buy Bleached Twilled Tea Toweling, with red border; the best absorbent quality that sells at 75c yard; not more than one piece to a buyer—**42c**

#### Chances for Money Saving in Footwear

WOMEN'S BOUDOIR AND Bath Slippers, in leather with silk pompons and fancy velvets with curled soles; have been selling at 75c—**39c**

WOMEN'S DARK TAN Vici Lace Shoes; flexible soles; Cuban heels; splendid quality; the regular price is positively \$2.00—**\$1.39**

LOT OF MEN'S BOYS' AND Women's Lace Shoes and Ox-fords from extra good selling lines; not all sizes; the values are \$2 98c to \$2.50—**\$1.98**

CLOSING OUT ENTIRE stock Russet Oxfords, in Russia calf and vici kid; turn and away \$2.50; values, \$2.50 and \$4—**\$1.98**

#### Draperies and Upholstery Materials

WHITE EMBROIDERED Pillow Shams; worth 20c; for the sale—**72c**

LOT OF MANTEL AND Piano Lamprequis; also Lithographed Pillow Tops; in various designs; worth up to 50c. Sale price—**12 1/2c**

BEST QUALITY 5-4 TABLE Oilcloth, in large remnants; worth 21c yard; sale price—**98c**

HEAVY WHITE Bedspreads; double size; pretty patterns; worth 80c—**49c**

WINDOW SHADES; VARIOUS colors; sell regularly at 25c; complete with fixtures; reduced to—**16 1/2c**

LOT OF VERY DESIRABLE White Curtain Scarves, in pretty designs; sold usually at 25c per yard; reduced to—**28c**

## To Hurry Out an Overstock in the Clothing Department

Inventory disclosed the fact that the stock of Men's Clothing is much larger than it should be at this time, and we've faced the situation squarely and have determined to take the loss now and quickly close out the surplus. The making of ridiculously small prices alone can do it, and this we have done. But the point to keep in mind is this—the clothing we offer is our regular, high-grade, guaranteed stock—clothing we can vouch for, and not the picked-over remnants of a bankrupt stock.

120 Suits right from the \$10 lines—suits in many neat and desirable mixed effects—suits in the medium weights and just right for wear up to the cold weather. While the 120 suits last just half price will buy them—**\$5.00**

In the lines that sell at \$12.50 and \$15 we find the overstock amounts to about 500 suits, all told—these suits are in the better grades and are tailored in a very superior manner—weights are for present wear and up until snow time—**\$7.50**

#### Every Pair of Men's Trousers in the Clearance

Men's Trousers that sell always at \$2.50 and \$3 are to be closed out at—**\$1.49**

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Men's Trousers that sell at \$4, \$5, and \$6, including finest grades, to go for—**\$2.98**

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## Another Chance for the Beautiful Marquise Waists

In the rush selling of the past two weeks that has centered about the wonderful offering of the famous "Marquise" Waists, a considerable lot were overlooked and just came to light at stock-taking, now in progress. These include many of the handsomest styles, and they go on sale tomorrow.

**48c**

Hundreds of very desirable White Shirt Waists, the renowned "Marquise" make, included are pretty patterns in lace and embroidered-trimmed waists and stylishly tucked waists. Not one is worth less than \$1, many of them are worth \$1.50; but for the Inventory Sale they will sell at 48c—**48c**

**98c**

One of the best offerings in high grade Waists, included are hundreds of choice and handsome Marquise Waists, in finest madras and linens. These waists are in all sizes; some in Dutch neck styles, some in high neck and short sleeves; elegantly trimmed with lace and embroidery. Not one worth less than \$1.50—**98c**



#### Traveling Requisites

\$3.00 Canvas-covered Trunks ..... **\$1.98**  
\$6.00 Canvas-covered Trunks ..... **\$3.98**  
\$12.00 Canvas-covered Trunks ..... **\$7.98**  
\$7.00 Cowhide Suit Cases ..... **\$4.98**  
\$3.00 Keratol Suit Cases ..... **\$2.29**  
\$2.00 Leather Traveling Bags ..... **\$1.29**  
\$1.50 Waterproof Suit Cases ..... **98c**  
75c Traveling Bags ..... **39c**

#### Here's Little Pricing in Furnishings

A very large lot of Men's Fast-black Half Hose, the seamless kind; sold everywhere at 15c pair. Priced for clearance tomorrow at—**7 1/2c**

Several hundreds of pairs of Women's Fast-black Seamless Hosiery that sells regularly at 15c a pair. To be closed out at—**7 1/2c**

Considerable lot of Women's Nice Quality Hosiery, in tan and black; selling regularly at 15c pair. To be closed out at—**7 1/2c**

We shall tomorrow close out a big lot of Men's Night Shirts, that never sell anywhere under 50c, at 3 for—**35c**

Just what the men want—the well-known Otis make Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers; they sell everywhere at 50c. Tomorrow we shall close them out at 3 for \$1, or, 35c per garment—**35c**

Large lot of Men's Leather Belts of all kinds, colors, and widths; the regular price is 50c. Choice in the inventory sale at—**19c**